GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:478
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2006
WORLD BANK LOAN TO POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has approved a $400 million loan to the Power Grid Corporation of India to help the country realize the goal of optimal utilization of electricity resources and strengthen the transmission system;

(b) if so, the amount to be utilized in each State/Union Territory;

(c) whether the Government has drawn up any contingency plan to utilize the amount adequately;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the World Bank has stated that the power sector in the country is currently inadequately positioned to support the said goal; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. World Bank has approved a loan assistance of US $400 million to Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) in January, 2006, which will be utilized by PGCIL in the core projects listed at Annex.

(c) & (d) : The total estimated cost of the projects to be funded under the World Bank loan is about Rs. 4400 crore (US $968 million). The loan amount of US $ 400 million is, therefore, expected to be fully utilized on these projects.

(e) : The Government is not aware of any such comments made by the World Bank in the context of utilization of above loan by PGCIL.

(f) : Does not arise

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.478 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 22.02.2006.

List of project proposed under New World Bank loan

S No.	Name of the System (CORE PROJECTS)	kms.	Estimated cost (Rs. Cr.) Incl. IDC incl.IDC	Esti- mated cost (US$ million)	Fund requ- irement (US$ million)	Project Beneficiaries - Regions/state/Uts Beneficiaries	
A	SYSTEM STRENGTHENING SCHEMES						
I)	PROJECTS IN NORTHERN REGION						
i)	Balia - Bhiwadi 2500MW HVDC Bipole along with Bipole converter	803	3240	717	502	Eastern Region States: Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal & Sikkim.	

station at Balia and Bhiwadi.					Northern Region States: Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh Western Region States : Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Daman & Diu
II) PROJECTS IN WESTERN REGION					
i) Seoni-Wardha-Akola-Aurangabad Transmission system	660	772	169	118	Western Region States : Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Daman & Diu
ii) Seoni - Bina 765kV S/C charged at 400kV level	292	369	82	56	Eastern Region States: Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal & Sikkim. Northern Region States: Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh Western Region States : Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Daman & Diu
TOTAL OF CORE PROJECTS	4381	968	676		